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The weather Thursday: high 83, low 68, hum. 70 percent, and by 7 a.m. Friday, .01 inches of rain had fallen.

Correction: E. Elton Cochran is the chairman of the Polk County Democratic Party. Bill Holcomb was president until April, when Cochran took over the post.

By the way: The Polk County Democratic Executive Committee is holding its Watermelon Slicin' Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at Democratic Headquarters in Columbus

Politics is a business of slicing the pie, after all. Why not watermelon when it's 90 degrees out?

The Tryon-Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce will hold a special membership meeting at The Vineyard July 24 at 8 a.m. for the purpose of electing new directors.

Hundreds of hardback books will be offered for 25 cents each, and paperbacks for 10 cents at the Isothermal Community College book and music sale Thursday, July 25 and

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All-Star Tournament

The last two undefeated teams in the All-Star tournament met on Thursday night when Harris-Shiloh hosted Polk County at the Green Creek Ball Park. It was a game dominated by the pitchers and the defense with each team struggling to get a few runs on the board before their chances ran out.

Right handed hurler Chris Eckert went all six innings for Polk County giving up only 3 hits and fanning six batters. Eckert also collected an RBI in the sixth inning.

Polk County's defense stood their ground against aggressive batters with good work in the infield by Al Corcoran, Jeremy Thompson, Shane Hudson, Dustin Wright and Chris Eckert. A gusty wind made play in the outfield difficult but Jon Sjostorm, Eric Crocker and Donnie McCraw hung on to the ball, when they needed to. Polk County batters connected and got on base but had a hard time scoring. Jeremy Thompson got two hits, a single and a double. Dustin Wright and Jon Sjostorm both got singles and Andy Arledge hit a big double. Eric Crocker got and RBI off a triple to put Polk County on the scoreboard in the third inning. Stealing bases for Polk County were: Shane Hudson, Andy Arledge, Jeremy Thompson and Jacob Graves.

The final score was Harris-Shiloh 5 - Polk County 2. Polk County played again on Friday night with the tournament wrap-up to be on Saturday.



Tryon Rotary Presidential Change: Outgoing president Art Fisher hands gavel to incoming president Allen Neighbors.

Allen Neighbors Rotary President

At the July 1st meeting of Tryon Rotary Club, Allen Neighbors pictured on the right took over the president's gavel from Arthur Fisher. Other officers elected for the 1991-92 year were Dr. Ben E. Woodward, vice president; Dr. Joseph L. Emery, sec.; Thomas J. Kelly, asst. sec. and B. Louis Blair, treasurer. The directors are Homer C. Carder, Ben E. Woodward, Thomas A. Bradshaw, Carl P. Schumacher, Robert F. Hunter and Ted W. Proudfoot.

Al Neighbors was born in Farmersville, Ill. and received his degree in Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He worked for the Carrier Corporation for 30 years principally in marketing. In Oct. 1983, Al retired from the Char-

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FENCE Offers Mountain Hike

Whitesides Mountain, located between Highlands and Cashiers, N.C., is a unique part of the Nantahala National Forest. A moderate hike into this area will be our next FENCE Venture on Tuesday, July 30.

The mountain offers visitors a chance to enjoy the beauty and solitude of the forest and spectacular views from a high ridge top.

A rare mineral, monazite, is contained in the rock along with pyrite (fools gold), feldspar, quartz and mica. Chestnut trees once abounded in this predominantly oak forest. A chestnut blight struck in the early 1900's destroyed all of the large chestnut trees. Chestnut sprouts are abundant in the area, but seldom reach more than three inches in diameter before dying. Frazer Magnolia, Striped Maple, Black Birch and Witch-Hazel are also commonly found in these woods.

Come and join us on this peaceful mountain walk and view nature at its best. Birds, wildflowers, animals and some rare plants are in abundance here.

For more information call the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, 704-859-9021.

-Community Reporter

Landrum United Methodist Church Bible School will be July 28 - August 1st from 6:30 to 8:30. All children are welcome.